

Customer No.: 31561  
Application No.: 10/604,393  
Docket No.: 10026-US-PA

### **REMARKS**

#### **Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-29. Specifically, according to the Office Action, claims 1-29 are drawn to three Species under 35 U.S.C. §121. Reconsideration and allowance of those claims is respectfully requested.

#### **Response to Restriction Requirement**

With respect to the restriction, the Applicants elect Species I, claims 1-8 & 10 and hereby cancel Species II and III, claims 11-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 9 is cancelled for clarity. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

#### **Remark to the Amendment of the Specification and the Abstract**

The specification and the abstract are amended for clarity. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

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### CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all pending claims 1-8 and 10 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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